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NOTE TO: FPH

FROM:

PLC *pli*

I had lunch today with [] former Agency employee who was an analyst on Soviet weapons systems and held the highest clearances. [] was a Congressional intern and resigned to join the personal staff of Senator Bumpers. He is Bumpers S. Res. 4 designee on the Appropriations Defense Subcommittee. [] said that Bumpers does not give him any access to CIA budget information. 25X1

I discussed the new guidelines with [] to get his reaction. He was vehemently opposed to denying S. Res. 4 staffers access to compartmented intelligence. He said that though CIA denies them access DIA has been briefing them on sensitive matters. This has solidified DIA with personal staff members who have a strong influence over their Senators. He said that if we cut off these people entirely it will be construed by the staff and Senators as an effort to control our information and to limit access only to the Chairman and key staff members. 25X1

[] said that S. Res. 4 staffers play a vital staff role for their principals. They are entrusted to get the "real story". He urged that the Agency carefully consider consequences if it arbitrarily denies them all access to sensitive information. I gave him the full pitch of the Agency's problem of proliferation and the need to limit access. [] said he appreciated these considerations but doubted that anyone on the Hill would be convinced. He added that he is aware that Senator Morgan has been pushing to get his man John Stirk cleared for compartmented clearances. [] warned that Bumpers will react the same way. 25X1

Recommendation:

The S. Res. 4 problem is the toughest issue we face. Despite the clamors of Morgan and undoubtedly now Bumpers we should hold the line and not grant formal access to S. Res. 4 designees.

I suggest a compromise. We meet with Morgan and Bumpers and assure them that we will keep their staffers briefed on critical sensitive intelligence; however, we cannot grant formal clearances without considering granting similar clearances to all of the other S. Res. 4 designees serving in the Senate.

I also suggest you first meet with [redacted] If we can get [redacted] to agree to a compromise, I feel he will be extremely helpful to us in convincing Morgan and others.

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